

# No Evidence Castro Used Soviet Planes, Morse Says

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Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) said yesterday the "Russian Migs" that the Castro government used to help thwart the recent Cuban invasion actually were U. S. planes sent by this country to the old Batista regime.

Morse said his Senate investigating subcommittee heard "not a bit of evidence" that there was a single Russian Mig in Cuba. The Committee's witnesses included Allen W. Dulles, head of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and Secretary of State Dean Rusk.

At the same time, Assistant Senate Democratic leader Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) said the U. S. Joint Chiefs of Staff played a more powerful role in the ill-fated invasion decision than Dulles' CIA or any other group in Government. He said that, on the whole, the CIA did "a fairly good job." He spoke on a taped radio interview (News Associates, Inc.).

In still another Cuban post-mortem development, Sen. Joseph S. Clark (D-La.) said the original invasion plan as conceived by the Eisenhower Administration was "very foolish." He said he understood it called for U. S. logistical help and possibly air support for the rebels.

Even if successful militarily, he said, it would have been disastrous to U. S. relations with other Latin American states and might well

have led to a Red invasion of any witness for the Administration in support of any allegation that there was a single Russian Mig in Cuba," he said.

Morse, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee on Latin America, said on a TV program with Sen. Kenneth B. Keating (R-N. Y.) (New York state stations) that there has been a lot of misinformation about the extent of Russian arms in Cuba.

"It's proper for me to say that not a bit of evidence was offered our subcommittee by our committee."

"The planes that were used against the planes of the Cuban exiles were American planes that Castro got possession of as a result of our first making them available to (ex-Dictator Fulgencio) Batista."

Morse also said that the Administration did not consult his committee before the invasion and thus failed to make use of "the great body of information in the files of our committee."